

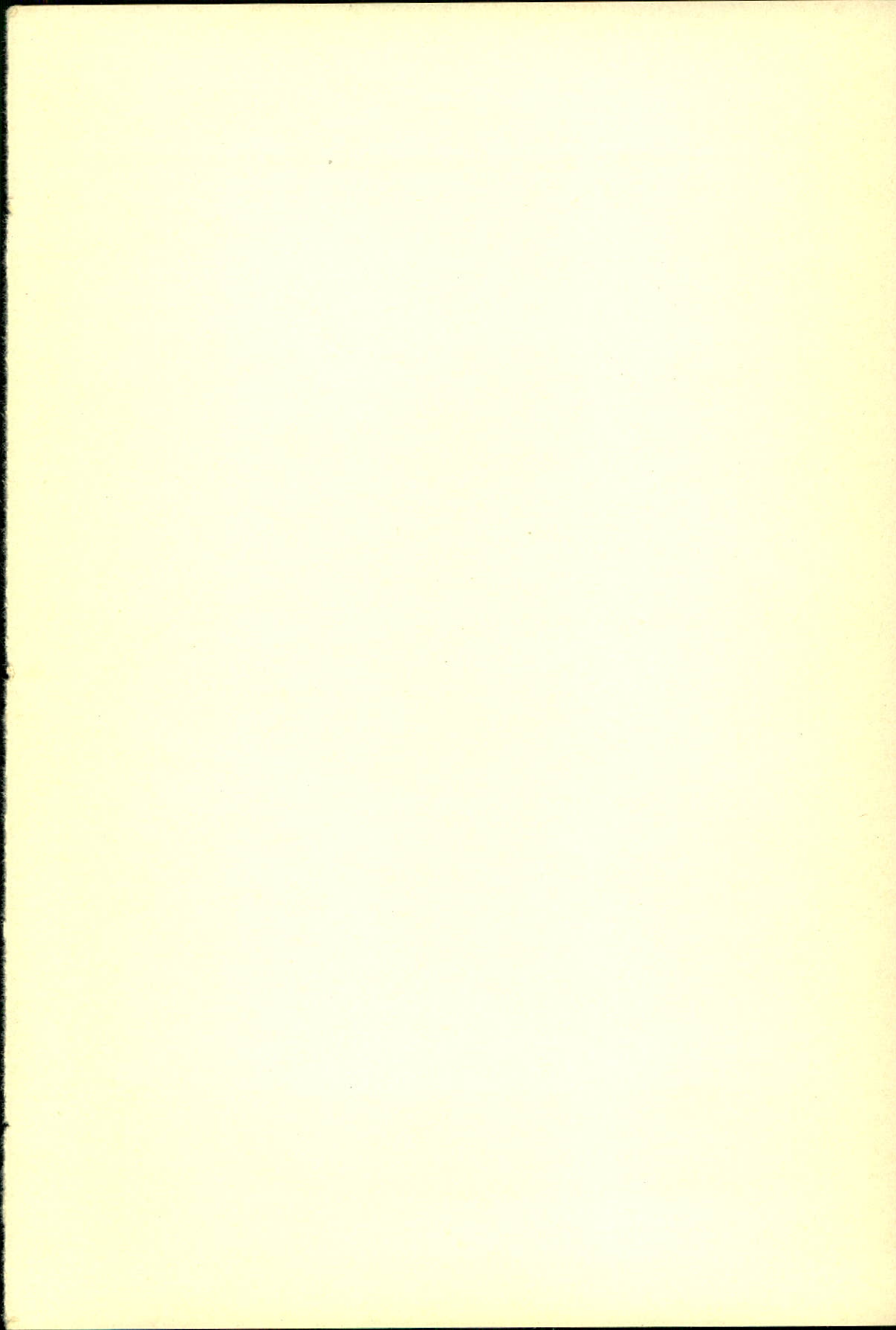
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Board of Directors 1943

To Our Shareholders

THE tremendous strength and vast resources of the Allied Nations now appear ready to force a decision in this mighty world-wide struggle. During the coming year momentous events will take place.

Post-war plans are already being widely discussed, and Canadians will require to see that wise, sane decisions will prevail, if free enterprise and the principles of true democracy are to be maintained.

The Bank of Toronto, with the largest assets in its history, is well equipped to play an ever-increasingly constructive part in our country's development.

As a shareholder you are vitally interested in the progress of your Bank, and your continued influence towards directing business to its doors will be greatly appreciated.

B. S. VANSTONE,
General Manager.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO

F. H. MARSH, *President*

J. L. CARSON	-	-	-	<i>Vice-President</i>
B. S. VANSTONE	-	-	-	<i>General Manager</i>
L. G. GILLET	-	-	-	<i>Assistant General Manager</i>
P. J. HANLEY	-	-	-	<i>General Superintendent</i>
W. A. RUTHERFORD	-	-	-	<i>Chief Accountant</i>
F. G. CLEMINSON	-	-	-	<i>Executive Assistant</i>

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E. S. BRAY, *Chief Supervisor*

R. S. BOOTH

A. F. SANDERS

W. G. M. WALKER

INSPECTOR

W. A. S. PETO

STAFF SUPERVISOR

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J. A. WOODS - - - *Assistant General Manager*

VANCOUVER

W. B. McCRIRICK - - - { *Superintendent of
British Columbia Branches*

AUDITORS FOR 1944

GEOFFREY T. CLARKSON, F.C.A.
*of Clarkson, Gordon, Dilworth & Nash
Toronto, Ont.*

W. D. GLENDINNING, F.C.A.
*of Glendinning, Gray & Roberts
Toronto, Ont.*



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INCORPORATED 1855

CAPITAL AUTHORIZED	-	-	\$10,000,000.00
CAPITAL PAID-UP	-	-	6,000,000.00
RESERVE FUND			
and UNDIVIDED PROFITS	-		13,090,338.35

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON

WEDNESDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 1944



The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of The Bank (being the Eighty-Eighth since the commencement of business) was held, pursuant to the terms of the Charter, at the Banking House of the Institution, corner King and Bay Streets, Toronto, on Wednesday, 19th January, 1944.

Moved by MAJOR-GEN. F. S. MEIGHEN, seconded by Mr. F. K. MORROW,
and

Resolved—That Mr. F. H. MARSH be appointed Chairman of the Meeting
and that Mr. H. HOPKINS be requested to act as Secretary.

Carried

Moved by Mr. AUBREY DAVIS, seconded by Mr. J. D. WOODS,
and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting be taken as read
and confirmed, printed copies of which were sent to all shareholders following
the meeting.

Carried

Moved by Mr. E. D. GOODERHAM, seconded by Mr. JOHN J. VAUGHAN,
and

Resolved—That Mr. W. M. HARGRAFT and Mr. W. B. MACLEAN be
appointed scrutineers, and that after the ballot they report to the Chairman.

Carried

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The Secretary then read the Annual Report as follows:—

The Directors of The Bank of Toronto beg to present their Report for the year ending 30th November, 1943, together with the Statement of the Bank's affairs and the results of the operations for the year.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Profits for the year ending 30th November, 1943, after providing \$150,000.00 for Staff Pension Fund, \$1,227,894.14 for Dominion Taxes (of which \$135,177.67 is refundable under the provisions of the Excess Profits Tax Act) and making appropriations to contingent accounts out of which accounts full provision for bad and doubtful debts has been made.....		\$1,079,807.80
Written off Bank Premises.....		250,000.00
		829,807.80
Dividends.....		600,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward.....		229,807.80
Profit and Loss Balance 30th November, 1942.....		860,530.55
Profit and Loss Balance 30th November, 1943.....		<u>1,090,338.35</u>

F. H. MARSH,
President.

B. S. VANSTONE,
General Manager.

The Head Office and all Branches have been regularly inspected by the Bank's Inspection Staff, and at the Head Office the usual verification of cash and securities has been made.

The Auditors appointed by the Shareholders, Mr. G. T. Clarkson, F.C.A. and Mr. D. McK. McClelland, F.C.A., made their examination of our Head Office and principal Branches, and their report accompanies the General Statement herewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. H. MARSH,
President.

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GENERAL NOVEMBER

ASSETS

Subsidiary coin held in Canada.....	\$ 388,072	79	
Notes of Bank of Canada.....	5,710,742	00	
Deposits with Bank of Canada.....	28,755,800	71	
Notes of other chartered banks.....	22,465	00	
Government and bank notes other than Canadian.....	98,063	45	
Cheques on other banks.....	11,341,171	29	
Due by banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	3,454,189	28	\$49,770,504 52
Dominion and Provincial Government direct and guaranteed Securities maturing within two years, not exceeding market value.....	74,648,725	24	
Other Dominion and Provincial Government direct and guaranteed Securities, not exceeding market value.....	59,350,632	70	
Canadian Municipal Securities, not exceeding market value.....	1,442,400	49	
Other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value.....	4,080,833	37	
	139,522,591	80	
Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Canada on Stocks, Debentures, Bonds and other Securities, of a sufficient marketable value to cover.....	2,371,735	00	141,894,326 80
			191,664,831 32
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada, not otherwise included, estimated loss provided for.....	60,344,022	54	
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts.....	2,930,747	49	
Non-Current Loans, estimated loss provided for.....	14,467	14	63,289,237 17
			254,954,068 49
Liabilities of Customers under acceptances and Letters of Credit, as per contra.....	1,971,976	49	
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank.....	6,910	92	
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off..	2,756,911	10	
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the security of the note circulation.....	177,330	72	
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads (but including refundable portion of Dominion Government taxes amounting to \$195,865.71).....	207,271	54	
			<u>\$260,074,469 26</u>

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STATEMENT

30TH, 1943

LIABILITIES

Notes in Circulation.....	\$ 1,292,503 00	
Deposits by and balances due to Dominion Government.....	\$46,109,247 57	
Deposits by and balances due to Provincial Governments.....	2,904,618 52	
Deposits by the public not bearing interest.....	75,677,642 95	
Deposits by the public bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement...	110,819,471 87	235,510,980 91
Deposits by and balances due to other chartered banks in Canada.....	168,421 16	
Deposits by and balances due to banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries.....	1,889,635 29	2,058,056 45
Acceptances and Letters of Credit outstanding.....		1,971,976 49
		240,833,516 85
Capital paid up.....	6,000,000 00	
Reserve Fund.....	12,000,000 00	
Dividends declared and unpaid.....	150,614 06	
Balance of profits as per Profit and Loss Account	1,090,338 35	19,240,952 41
		<u>\$260,074,469 26</u>

F. H. MARSH,
President.

B. S. VANSTONE,
General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

To the Shareholders of The Bank of Toronto:

We have examined the books and accounts of The Bank of Toronto at its Head Office and have been furnished with certified returns from the branches, and report that the above statement of liabilities and assets as at the 30th November, 1943, is in accordance therewith, and in our opinion discloses the true condition of the Bank. We have verified the cash and the securities representing the Bank's investments held at the Head Office at the close of the Bank's fiscal year, and during the year we counted the cash and examined the securities at certain of the important branches. We have received all the information and explanations we have required, and all transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have, in our opinion, been within the powers of the Bank.

G. T. CLARKSON, F.C.A.
of Clarkson, Gordon, Dilworth & Nash
D. McK. McCLELLAND, F.C.A.
of Price, Waterhouse & Co.

Toronto, 20th December, 1943.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

GENTLEMEN:

The 88th Annual Statement of your Bank which has been commented upon in detail by the General Manager and which shows an exceptionally strong liquid position, and an increase of 20% in total assets will, I feel, meet with your approval.

In my opening remarks at our meeting a year ago, I mentioned that a favorable turn had at last come in the war, after three years of reverses and withdrawals. The restrained optimism which we all felt at that time, has been justified by the progress made on all fronts during the year just ended. As a fighting enemy Italy has been eliminated. Germany has been weakened through losses on the eastern front and by terrific and continuous bombing of her military and industrial centres, while our anti-submarine activity has proven effective. We are still short of conclusive military success, but we have at least reached the stage where a sudden end to the European war comes within the range of possibility.

POST-WAR PLANNING:

Plans for the post-war adjustment accordingly acquire a definite meaning. We should be prepared for the many problems that may arise upon a sudden termination of the war, and have the groundwork laid for the long process of reconversion which must this time be handled in an effective and enduring way.

Some phases of our post-war problems are with us already. Certain lines of war production are being curtailed in both Canada and the United States, thus releasing limited amounts of manpower and materials for civilian use. After four years during which resources and money have been mobilized on an ever-increasing scale for the prosecution of the war, the change in the trend of our all-embracing effort, when it does come, must be carefully handled. Steps should be taken to ensure that civilian goods start to move as rapidly as war production is reduced. If not, we will have the awkward problem of surplus materials and labour. The attitude of Canadian business men generally throughout the entire war programme to date has been so free from evidence of desire to profiteer, that settlement of cancelled contracts should be handled with equity and with the utmost despatch in order to avoid tying up of liquid resources needed for conversion of plant and employment of workers.

Certain of the wartime controls will of necessity be continued into the reconstruction period. At the same time it is hoped that their scope and objectives will be modified as quickly as possible. It is essential that we avoid the mistake of burdening our economy with regulations which, however important in time of war, cease to have meaning in the

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time of peace. As our war production terminates, those controls which were designed for its special purposes should cease, and only that degree of public regulation which is consistent with an efficient and aggressive normal economy be retained.

SMALL BUSINESSES MUST BE PRESERVED:

It is generally known that post-war planning of a constructive nature is under way on the part of governments and large scale enterprises, but there is some question as to whether the medium sized and smaller concerns are able to do much in this direction under the present tax structure. Many of them started with little after the last war, and in the relatively prosperous twenties built up adequate working capital, which was seriously depleted by losses in the depression of the early thirties. During the 1936-39 period, profits were comparatively small. The basing of standard profits on the average of these years has resulted, in many instances, in little being left to build up the cash reserves necessary to effect the change from wartime to peacetime conditions, thus making it essential that definite assurance by way of tax adjustments or other remedial measures be provided. I believe that an early announcement of governmental policy in this respect would be most helpful.

Clearly the job of industrial conversion cannot effectively be undertaken by concerns which, though possessed of well-equipped plants, experience and organization, are without the working capital which is essential to forward planning, and to the continuance of operations during any disruption of business following the cessation of war production.

These smaller manufacturers and traders, scattered throughout the length and breadth of the country, furnish an important backbone of employment. A recent study of industry made under government direction shows that as of the year 1941, there were 170,903 establishments in the manufacturing, wholesale and retail fields, and that no less than 161,904 or 94 per cent of these were small businesses, employing less than 15 persons each, the total number employed by them being 529,626 persons. They are not only important in the aggregate, but are essential in the life of the towns and villages throughout Canada.

OUR NATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

In such broad matters as employment, population, trade and finance, Canada must have definite objectives. One of the favorite postulates of the day, in regard to the post-war period, is that there must be employment for everybody. Without attempting a close definition of full employment, we are obliged to consider under what circumstances this desirable objective might be achieved. In a state of complete servitude, for instance, it would be possible, but that is what we are fighting against in the war. To attain it on a foundation of freedom is the only desirable basis, difficult though it may be in the face of tax burdens and trade barriers. If we are to achieve full employment, we must have the

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courageous and all-out effort of free enterprise, and also do everything possible to effect unhampered and full distribution, both at home and abroad, of what we produce; the actions of governments should conform to that end.

STILL A COMPETITIVE WORLD:

Over this broad issue hangs the still wider question of Canada's position in the future world of trade. Having made a marked advance and attracted the recognition of the rest of the world during the war period, in the supply of munitions of war and of raw materials, can we continue to hold our own as an industrial nation as well as a primary producer? We have confidence that we can, certainly in the industries and in the trading areas for which we are specially suited; being mindful, also, that the extent of our export trade must be largely regulated by the value of our own purchases abroad, and at the same time recognizing the need for the most efficient type of organization if this is to be accomplished. That type of organization must start on the foundation of individual rights of ownership and labour, and carry through to security for both in respect of the fruits of their efforts. In the actual process of production and distribution, though private enterprise should be expected to play the major role, a certain amount of government co-operation and assistance, particularly during the transition period, is likely to be required, but if the entire structure were converted into a cumbersome and uninspired governmental machine, then progress would change to decay. Among the nations which will compete for a place in the world of trade we may be sure that there will be many which will avoid the extreme of state socialism. It is these which will succeed and will attract the greatest numbers and the best type of population.

OUR NATIONAL RESOURCES AND ABILITIES:

While I have emphasized the difficulties of reconstruction which face us, at the same time let us not overlook our national assets. During the war we have developed an organized productive power such as we never had before. It comprises a well balanced labour force, a widely distributed and diversified industrial system, and, what is equally important, a proven ability in management and technical skill. This productive power is backed by a tremendous wealth of natural resources widely varied in character, stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from our southern boundaries to Alaska and including the great stretches of little explored country now made accessible by the Alcan Highway. Our large areas of as yet untitled agricultural land and the development and marketing of the products of our varied resources will provide work for great numbers of people. During the immediate post-war period our foodstuffs will be urgently needed to supply the devastated countries, while construction materials and other manufactured products to fill pressing needs will be in strong demand both at home and abroad.

On any comparable basis—and conditions are properly measured by comparison—we feel justified in the belief that no other country is

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better able than Canada to provide security and a good standard of living for the people within her borders.

WAR FINANCE HANDLED WITH SKILL:

No better illustration of Canada's abilities can be found than in our record of war finance. For the purposes of the war of 1914 we borrowed, with the aid of attractive rates and also tax exemptions for a time, about two billion dollars, the average rate of interest on the outstanding national debt being then 5.1 per cent. The present war has been a great deal more costly in the monetary sense, but individuals and corporations have contributed liberally in the way of loans as well as taxes. The national debt, at present about ten billion six hundred millions, is four times greater than in 1920, but the average rate of interest thereon is only 2.60 per cent, and the annual interest cost of \$275,000,000 is only twice as much as it was following the last war. Of the national debt 96% is held internally, and for every dollar paid to the Government by way of taxes to meet interest and capital charges 96c will go to the millions of Canadians who hold Government securities.

THE CANADIAN WAY OF LIFE:

The people of Canada are possessed of the ability to think clearly when aroused to the point of being concerned about any subject. There is, then, little to fear in contemplating our national future, if people stop to consider what a socialistic form of Government would mean. The common sense of most Canadians, including labour, who would not be immune but would also have to conform to such a system and its regimentation, will, I am confident, remain proof against any such plans as would overturn Canada's entire system of individual freedom in growing, producing, manufacturing, marketing, export, import, wholesale and retail trading, banking, investment and ownership.

Totalitarian Government and regimentation is what our sons are fighting against while the advocates of socialism are trying to have that very form of Government placed in control of Canada.

There are many hundreds of thousands of Canadians who own their farms or homes; there are the owners of 5,000,000 bank accounts and some 4,000,000 people who own life insurance policies, all of whom are in reality capitalists.

Such ownership is the result of years of toil and thrift in a free country. It represents the stake that men hope to hand down to their widows and children, whose safe future is their keenest human desire. In the rural parts of Canada especially, I believe, this heritage of home and ownership and freedom and the right to pass it on will be held with determination and tenacity, and will never be surrendered in favor of any socialistic, centralized state control of property and civil rights.

It is reasonable to suppose, in contemplating the future, that these millions of people will not be dormant where their own interests are

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affected, and when they realize what socialism means in the way of totalitarian power.

Before moving the adoption of the report, I wish to refer to the passing since we last met of two of our Directors, Mr. John I. McFarland and Mr. Donald MacAskill, both of whom rendered valuable service as members of our Board over a period of years. Their loss is keenly felt.

In connection with the election of Directors which will take place before the close of the meeting, I have much pleasure in announcing that the name of Mr. John R. Read, President of Canadian Westinghouse Company Limited, is being submitted for election to the Board.



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GENERAL MANAGER'S ADDRESS

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN:

It is very gratifying to record another year of sound progress in the affairs of the Bank and I feel assured that you will consider as satisfactory the Annual Statement which has been placed before you covering the Bank's operations for the year ending November 30th, 1943.

PROFITS:

Profits, which include recoveries of amounts previously considered uncollectible, were \$1,079,807. after deduction of taxes and making full provision for all known or anticipated contingencies and the usual contribution of \$150,000. to Officers' Pension Fund. This is a decrease in profits of \$134,922. as compared with last year, largely due to an increase of \$129,265. in Federal taxes which reached the large sum of \$1,227,894., of which \$135,177. is refundable.

After appropriating \$250,000. for depreciation of Bank Premises and paying the regular dividends of \$600,000., there remained a balance of \$229,807. to be added to Profit and Loss Account which now stands at \$1,090,338.

TOTAL ASSETS:

Total Assets \$260,074,469. passed the previous peak of a year ago with an increase of \$44,438,402., the result of the accelerated industrial and wartime activity.

Our liquid position is excellent. Quick Assets, that is to say, cash or assets readily convertible into cash, amounted to \$191,664,831. which represents 79.58% of all Liabilities to the Public as compared with 73.55% a year ago. Of this sum \$49,770,504. consists of cash, bank balances including deposits with the Bank of Canada and cheques on other banks.

SECURITIES:

Investments increased \$27,526,079. and now total \$139,522,591.

Of this amount 94% consists of Dominion and Provincial Government securities, of which \$74,648,725. (including Dominion Deposit Certificates \$33,605,000. bearing interest at $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% per annum) mature within two years.

Municipal securities \$1,442,400. decreased \$463,453. through the retirement of maturing issues and little of this type of security is now available for the investment of funds owing to the curtailment of public works.

Other bonds, debentures and stocks \$4,080,833. increased by \$517,464.

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CALL LOANS:

Call Loans \$2,371,735. are higher temporarily by \$1,053,710. but there is little demand for this type of loan at present.

CURRENT LOANS AND DISCOUNTS:

Current Loans \$60,344,022. are lower by \$2,665,865., this being in line with the general trend owing to lower inventories. As merchandise becomes more readily available, it is hoped that loans will increase, a development which we would welcome. It is our policy to encourage commercial enterprise and render all reasonable financial assistance for the furtherance of trade and commerce.

Our grain loans continue at a high figure and we have a substantial amount advanced to industries engaged in war production and to purchasers of Victory Loan Bonds.

MUNICIPAL LOANS:

These total \$2,930,747. and are slightly lower than a year ago.

BANK PREMISES:

After the usual depreciation allowance of \$250,000. Bank Premises stand at \$2,756,911.

No new buildings were erected during the year but a few of our offices were remodelled to provide necessary space for increased volume.

NOTES IN CIRCULATION:

These now total \$1,292,503., a reduction of \$950,216. Under the provisions of the Bank Act, our notes in circulation may not exceed 35% of our Capital during the year 1944 and on January 1st, 1945 the limit will be reduced to 25%, or \$1,500,000.

DEPOSITS:

Total Deposits \$235,510,980. increased \$45,143,647.

Deposits from the public show an increase of 20% and amount to \$186,497,114. Of this total, Non-Interest-Bearing deposits \$75,677,642. are up \$14,078,962. while Interest-Bearing deposits \$110,819,471. increased \$17,584,560.

Dominion and Provincial Government deposits \$49,013,866. were \$13,480,124. higher than a year ago.

BRANCHES:

During the year branches at Hastings, Ontario, and Fairlight, Saskatchewan, were closed and, to further conserve manpower, seven branches are now being operated on a part-time basis.

INSPECTIONS:

The Bank's Inspectors have, during the year, inspected all branches and the shareholders' auditors have made the customary audit of cash, securities and loans at Head Office and the principal branches at Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

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STAFF:

It is with the greatest pleasure that I again express sincere appreciation of the excellent work of our Staff during the year. It would hardly be possible to speak too highly of their loyalty and co-operation.

The senior officers have discharged the heavy additional duties and responsibilities imposed upon them as a result of wartime conditions in an admirable manner while the junior members of the Staff, many of them with quite limited experience, have given a splendid account of themselves.

Our total staff numbers 1507, of whom 72% are women. Enlistments in the Armed Forces total nearly 500. All are merely on leave of absence and we look forward to their return upon the cessation of hostilities. In the meantime, we are keeping in close touch with them through the staff magazine and the Bank of Toronto Women's War Guild. Their standing in the Pension Fund and Group Insurance has been maintained at the Bank's expense and this year a Christmas bonus of \$25. was sent to each one of them.

It is with deep regret we record that twenty-one of our gallant young men have given their lives in the service of their country, one is reported missing and two are prisoners of war.

In conclusion may I say that Canadians can well take pride in their war effort—not only has Governmental financing been handled in a sound and able manner but also in production Canada has taken an outstanding place, being now third in point of volume among the exporting nations of the world. This growth and development, though made possible by the war, were nevertheless effected by the initiative and efficiency of hardworking, talented business men and agriculturalists together with the industry and co-operation of workers in general.

The records of The Bank of Toronto are replete with examples of young men who commenced business in a small way with limited capital but who, being possessed of character, ability and enterprise, have with the assistance and support of the Bank built up large businesses and created employment for thousands of workers.

During the next few years postwar problems will demand the exercise of resourcefulness and skill but, with such men of courage and initiative, Canada, I feel, may look forward to the future with confidence.

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Moved by Mr. F. H. MARSH, seconded by Mr. PAUL J. MYLER, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Directors and Statement which has now been presented be adopted and printed copies thereof, together with the Minutes of this meeting, be sent to the Shareholders of the Bank. *Carried*

Moved by Mr. C. S. ROBERTSON, seconded by Mr. ROY L. WARREN, and

Resolved—That Mr. GEOFFREY T. CLARKSON, F.C.A., of Clarkson, Gordon, Dilworth & Nash, and Mr. W. D. GLENDINNING, F.C.A., of Glendinning, Gray & Roberts, be appointed Auditors of this Bank for the ensuing year, and that the remuneration for this work shall not exceed the sum of \$12,000. *Carried*

Moved by Mr. V. R. SMITH, seconded by Mr. W. G. WATSON, and

Resolved—That the thanks of the Shareholders be hereby tendered to the President, Vice-Presidents and Directors for their able and careful management of the Bank's affairs and to the General Manager, and other officers for the loyal and efficient way in which they have discharged their duties during the year. *Carried*

Mr. J. L. CARSON, responding to the above resolution, expressed the appreciation of the Directors, Executive Officers and Staff, and referred to the recent appointments of Mr. J. A. Woods and Mr. L. G. Gillett as Assistant General Managers, acknowledging their high executive ability.

Moved by Mr. H. B. SCANDRETT, seconded by Mr. D. E. KILGOUR and

Resolved—That the Scrutineers cast one ballot for the election of the following named gentlemen as Directors of The Bank of Toronto:

JOHN R. LAMB
MAJOR-GEN. FRANK S. MEIGHEN
J. DOUGLAS WOODS
AUBREY DAVIS
HARRY J. CARMICHAEL
ARTHUR H. CAMPBELL
JOHN J. VAUGHAN
F. H. MARSH

PAUL J. MYLER
FREDERICK K. MORROW
GEORGE KIDD
EDWARD D. GOODERHAM
HORACE T. HUNTER
R. L. BEATTIE
JOHN R. READ
JAMES L. CARSON

The Scrutineers reported the ballot in favour of the above named gentlemen and the Chairman declared them duly elected.

At a subsequent meeting of the new Board, Mr. JOHN R. LAMB was elected Chairman, Mr. F. H. MARSH, President, Mr. PAUL J. MYLER and Mr. JAMES L. CARSON, Vice-Presidents.

By Order of the Board,

B. S. VANSTONE,
General Manager.

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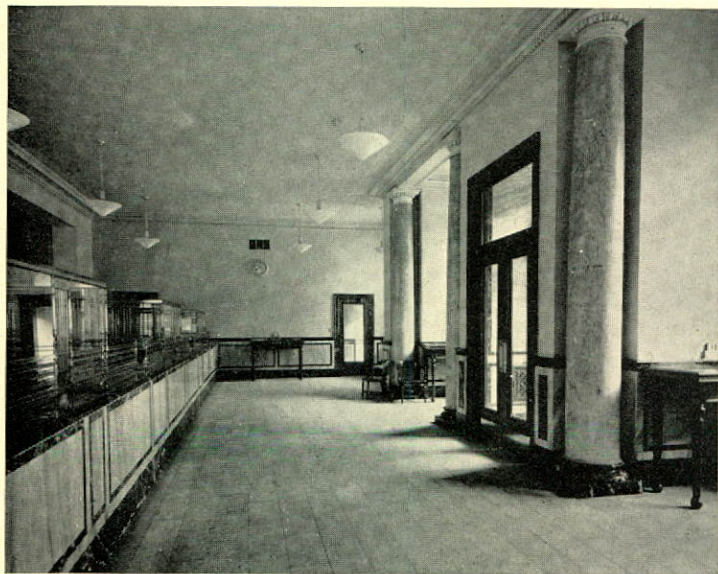
...BRANCHES...

ONTARIO

Toronto, King St. W., cor. Bay St.	R. H. Cardy,	} Managers.
(Main Office)	R. J. Burtis,	
" Bloor & Bay	J. H. Brown,	Manager.
" Bloor & Jane Sts.	C. P. Roper,	"
" Bloor & Royal York Rd. (Kingsway)	J. Harding,	"
" Church & Wellington Sts.	W. Miller,	"
" Danforth & Dewhurst	M. D. Johnston,	"
" Dundas & Keele	T. W. Harper,	"
" Dundas St., cor. Ossington Ave.	G. M. Kennedy,	"
" Dundas St., cor. Roncesvalles Ave.	H. E. Burns,	"
" Eglinton & Avenue Rd.	A. B. Clarke,	"
" Eglinton & Bathurst St.	W. B. Young,	"
" Eglinton & Heddington Ave.	J. R. Clark,	"
" Elm St., cor. Elizabeth St.	H. J. Carmichael,	"
" King St. W., cor. Bathurst St.	S. G. Leonard,	"
" Mt. Pleasant Rd., cor. Belsize Drive	J. A. MacDonnell,	"
" Queen & Kenilworth Ave.	W. D. Cooper,	"
" Queen E. & Logan Ave.	L. S. Barr,	"
" Queen St. E., cor. Parliament St.	H. R. Warren,	"
" Queen St. W., cor. Spadina Ave.	Jas. Stewart,	"
" St. Clair & Bathurst St.	A. J. Lunn,	"
" St. Clair Ave. and Christie St.	C. D. Valpy,	"
" Yonge St., No. 205, opp. Albert St.	E. Brown,	"
" Yonge St. & Bedford Park Ave.	H. A. Daykin,	"
" Yonge St. & Belsize Drive	R. P. Wright,	"
" Yonge St. & St. Clair Ave.	R. C. Waram,	"
Allandale . (Sub to Barrie)	F. Stevenson,	"
Alliston	G. M. Lawrence,	"
Barrie	H. R. Nettleton,	"
Bethany . (Sub to Peterboro)	A. H. A. Padgham,	"
Brantford	D. McLennan,	"
Brockville	B. F. A. Lewis,	"
Burford	R. J. Sim,	"
Cardinal	G. D. Gowans,	"
Carlisle	(Sub to Freelon)	"
Clarksburg	G. E. Liesemer,	"
Cobourg	A. C. Hodgetts,	"
Coldwater	Jas. Milmine,	"
Collingwood	O. G. Bernhardt,	"
Copper Cliff	R. Gray,	"
Creemore	R. F. Champion,	"
Creighton Mine	A. B. Diack,	"
Dorchester	I. G. Weylie,	"
Dunnville	F. C. Millard,	"
Elmvale	W. N. Bradley,	"

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Everett	(Sub to Alliston)	Manager.
Feversham	H. C. Francis,	"
Fort William	C. C. Eddy,	"
Freelton	C. N. Robinson,	"
Frood Mine	(Sub to Sudbury)	"
Galt	P. J. Wright,	"
Gananoque	J. H. Mills,	"
Garson Mine	(Sub to Sudbury)	"
Hamilton, 37 James St. S. (Main)	F. S. Potter,	"
" Aberdeen & Dundurn St.	D. E. Morgan,	"
" Market Branch	C. J. Davey,	"
Havelock	S. J. W. Clarke,	"
Keene (Sub to Peterboro)	D. D. Brown,	"
Kerwood	A. MacKay,	"
Kingston	A. C. Edward,	"
Kitchener	W. E. Sharpe,	"
Levack	H. G. McKillop,	"
London (Main Office)	J. R. Wright,	"
" City Hall Branch	T. C. Margrett,	"
" East End Branch	K. S. King,	"
" Market Branch	M. S. Hargreaves,	"
Lyndhurst	W. P. Bilger,	"
MacTier (Sub to Parry Sound)	M. Weller,	"
Markdale	A. E. Hunt,	"
Meaford	H. L. Knight,	"
Millbrook	H. A. Kerr,	"
Morrison	(Sub to Freelton)	"
New Lowell	(Sub to Stayner)	"
Newmarket	H. E. Lambert,	"
Oakville	H. R. Cluff,	"
Oil Springs	H. B. Newton,	"
Omemee	T. B. Chester,	"
Orangeville	G. T. Sullivan,	"
Ottawa, 106 Sparks St. (Main)	Geo. Hay,	"
" Ottawa South	J. H. Smith,	"
" Union Station Branch	V. R. Tufford,	"
" West End, 1726 Wellington	W. M. Weylie,	"
Owen Sound	S. R. Way,	"
Paris	F. Mount,	"
Parry Sound	F. N. Hurst,	"
Penetanguishene	C. H. Smith,	"
Peterboro	J. L. Thompson,	"
Petrolia	A. C. Lord,	"
Port Hope	E. G. Britton,	"
Preston	W. A. McEvoy,	"
St. Catharines	E. J. H. Vanston,	"
St. Marys	S. G. Page,	"



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Sarnia	J. W. Simpson,	Manager.
Seeley's Bay	(Sub to Lyndhurst)	"
Shelburne	H. A. Livingstone,	"
South Porcupine	W. S. McDowell,	"
Stayner	L. A. Gould,	"
Stratford	F. A. Maples,	"
Sudbury	W. E. Van Norman,	"
" North End (Sub to Sudbury)	H. Nightingale,	"
Thornbury	G. E. Liesemer,	"
Trenton	B. F. Joyce,	"
Walkerville	L. N. Hicks,	"
Wallaceburg	G. E. Armstrong,	"
Waterloo	J. S. McMillan,	"
Welland	J. E. Curry,	"
Windsor	W. H. Hiscock,	"
Wyoming	F. O. Johnston,	"

QUEBEC

Montreal, Main Office	J. J. Winsby,	Manager.
(St. James St., cor. McGill)	R. J. Fox,	Asst. Mgr.
" Atwater Ave., cor. St. Antoine	C. A. Dixon,	Manager.
" Bernard & Hutchison	H. B. Anderson,	"
" Board of Trade	I. J. Hutton,	"
" Maisonneuve	E. J. Valois,	"
" Peel St., No. 1232	B. M. Currie,	"
" St. Catherine St., cor. Guy	A. H. Walsh,	"
" St. Catherine St. E., No. 1490	R. Mutch,	"
" St. Hubert & Belanger Sts.	J. E. Long,	"
" St. Lawrence Blvd. & Ontario St.	H. L. Lennon,	"
" Sherbrooke & Claremont,	D. P. H. Lauer,	"
Westmount		
" Van Horne Ave., No. 1555	W. J. Strathdee,	"
Outremont		
Gaspé	W. W. Annett,	"
Malartic	J. E. Boyle,	"
St. Lambert	B. C. Case,	"

MANITOBA

Winnipeg, 454 Main St. (Main)	S. B. Chamberlain,	Manager.
" Academy Rd. & Niagara St.	G. A. R. Ferguson,	"
" Portage & Edmonton	W. W. Wright,	"
" Sherbrooke & Westminster	James Souter,	"
Benito	C. F. Drager,	"
Cartwright	A. B. Fee,	"
Pilot Mound	M. C. Manhard,	"
Rosburn	C. R. Dawson,	"
St. Boniface, (Union Stock Yds.)	G. R. Tucker,	"
Swan River	F. F. Osborn,	"
Transcona	W. R. Lawrie,	"

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SASKATCHEWAN

Assiniboia	M. E. Kerr,	Manager.
Bredenbury	J. E. Conn,	"
Colonsay	N. Toland,	"
Glenavon	P. R. Fleming,	"
Glidden	(Sub to Madison)	"
Gravelbourg	V. E. French,	"
Hodgeville	W. R. Topham,	"
Kipling	G. Kay,	"
Kyle	B. Collins,	"
Lafleche	E. R. Ridgway,	"
Langenburg	C. E. Beirnes,	"
Madison	O. C. Cornwell,	"
Mazenod	J. W. Runge,	"
Meyronne	C. H. Langridge,	"
Montmartre	J. M. Reinheimer,	"
Neilburg	C. L. Thompson,	"
Preeceville	J. B. Simpson,	"
Regina	G. A. Hetherington,	"
Rosetown	H. W. Thompson,	"
Smiley	E. B. Little,	"
Welwyn	H. R. Chapin,	"
Wolseley	R. H. Wilson,	"
Yorkton	W. J. Miller,	"

ALBERTA

Barrhead	T. R. Menzies,	Manager.
Calgary	F. C. Burnet,	"
Clandonald	G. F. Stonehouse,	"
Coronation	H. L. Staples,	"
Edmonton	W. Kerr,	"
Marwayne	J. C. Thom,	"
Oyen	H. Desroches,	"

BRITISH COLUMBIA

New Westminster	C. D. McMillan,	Manager.
Pioneer Mine	E. P. Rush,	"
Vancouver, Main Office	W. B. McCririck,	"
" (Hastings & Seymour Sts.)	S. J. Hammond,	Act. Asst. Mgr.
" Burrard & Robson Sts.	A. Logan,	Manager.
" West Georgia St., 545,	W. A. Walters,	"
" Kerrisdale Branch	J. McKendrick,	"
" 10th Ave. & Alma Road	W. Dickie,	"
" 12th Ave. & Granville	S. H. Abrams,	"
Victoria (Main Office) Yates & Broad Sts.	C. W. Pangman,	"
" Douglas St.	S. D. Markham,	"

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AGENTS

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND	Midland Bank, Limited.
AFRICA (South)	Barclays Bank (Dom. Col. and Overseas).
AUSTRALIA	Bank of Australasia.
CHINA	National City Bank of New York.
INDIA	National City Bank of New York.
NEW ZEALAND	National Bank of New Zealand.
SWEDEN	Goteborgs Handelsbank.
SWITZERLAND	Banque Populaire Suisse.
do.	Union Bank of Switzerland.

UNITED STATES

ALBANY, N.Y.	National Commercial Bank & Trust Company.
BALTIMORE, MD.	Maryland Trust Company.
BOSTON, MASS.	First National Bank of Boston.
do.	National Shawmut Bank of Boston.
BUFFALO, N.Y.	Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company.
do.	Marine Trust Company of Buffalo.
CHICAGO, ILL.	Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co.
do.	First National Bank of Chicago.
CINCINNATI, OHIO	Fifth, Third Union Trust Company.
do.	First National Bank.
CLEVELAND, OHIO	Central National Bank of Cleveland.
DETROIT, MICH.	National Bank of Detroit.
LOS ANGELES, CAL.	Bank of America Nat'l Trust & Savings Ass'n.
do.	California Bank.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.	First National Bank & Trust Co.
NEWARK, N.J.	Merchants & Newark Trust Co.
NEW YORK, N.Y.	Bank of The Manhattan Co.
do.	Bankers Trust Company.
do.	Brown Bros., Harriman & Co.
do.	Chase National Bank of New York.
do.	Chemical Bank & Trust Co.
do.	Commercial National Bank & Trust Co.
do.	Empire Trust Company.
do.	Guaranty Trust Company of New York.
do.	Irving Trust Company.
do.	J. P. Morgan & Co., Inc.
do.	National City Bank of New York.

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AGENTS—UNITED STATES—Continued

PHILADELPHIA, PA.	. .	Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co.
do.	. .	Market St. National Bank.
do.	. .	Philadelphia National Bank.
PORTLAND, ORE.	. .	United States National Bank.
ST. LOUIS, MO.	. .	Boatmens National Bank.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.	. .	American Trust Company.
do.	. .	Bank of America National Trust & Savings Ass'n.
do.	. .	Pacific National Bank.
SEATTLE, WASH.	. .	Seattle First National Bank.
do.	. .	People's National Bank of Washington.

The following comparative figures taken from
the Annual Statements show the growth
of the Bank since its Incorporation

Year	Capital and Reserves	Deposits	Loans and Investments	Assets
1857	\$ 439,148	\$ 263,100	\$ 1,103,078	\$ 1,268,413
1863	916,911	668,427	1,554,921	2,077,067
1873	2,330,726	2,256,673	4,966,085	5,989,162
1883	3,074,891	4,294,622	8,035,618	8,970,732
1893	3,823,981	8,758,967	12,034,416	14,417,160
1903	6,212,053	15,474,069	21,019,373	25,364,410
1913	11,307,272	43,306,595	46,510,483	60,925,164
1923	12,170,911	74,875,034	75,872,235	100,081,466
1933	15,614,674	90,437,734	94,169,662	116,999,162
1943	19,090,338	235,510,980	205,183,563	260,074,469

Paid-up Capital	- -	\$ 6,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	- -	12,000,000.00
Profit and Loss Account		1,090,338.35
		<u>\$19,090,338.35</u>



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THE BANK OF TORONTO, BLOOR AND JANE STREET BRANCH, TORONTO

